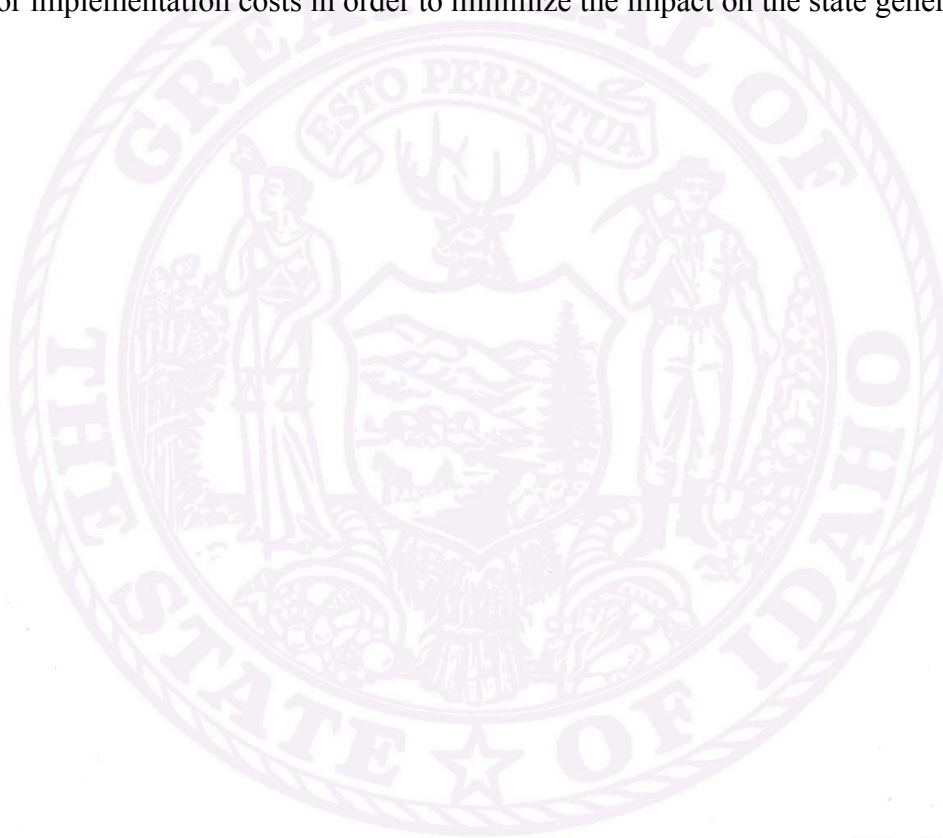


STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**RS23005**

The purpose of this legislation is to request the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare stagger issue the benefits citizens receive from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). SNAP is more commonly referred to as "food stamps." The issuance of SNAP benefits would change from a single day issuance to a multi-day issuance, which would occur over the course of ten days. The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare will have until June 30, 2016 to implement the changes.

FISCAL NOTE

The estimates for implementation costs range from \$293,400 to \$683,200. The legislation directs any food stamp "bonus money" the Department of Health and Welfare receives from the USDA be used first for implementation costs in order to minimize the impact on the state general fund.

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